

Faculty Entertains Japanese Visitors

In 1990 the Faculty of Law entered into an exchange agreement with the Faculty of Law, University of Niigata in Japan. Since that time there has been exchanges of faculty members. Dean Christian, Professors Robb and Reif and Alex Pringle have given lectures at the University of Niigata. Professor Ken Kuwahara from Niigata taught a course in Pacific Rim Law in 1991. This term he is teaching Japanese law with Professor Terry Kunitake, also from Niigata.

In the Fall of 1991, seventeen academics from the Universities of Niigata and Osaka visited the University of Alberta for two weeks. They were law teachers, political scientists and business professors.



Japanese visitors touring the Rockies with members of the Faculty.

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They participated in a two day workshop entitled *Doing Business with Japan*, sponsored by the Faculty of Law under the Eldon D. Foote Endowment Fund, the Centre for International Business Studies of the Faculty of Business, and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Other members of the Japanese delegation gave faculty seminars, attended classes and taught the graduate seminar. The topics of the faculty seminars were varied. Professor Terry Kunitake spoke on "Comparison of Japanese and Canadian Labour Law"; Professor Hagai's lecture was on "City Planning and Organization in Japan"; Professor Namazugoshi compared "Japanese and Canadian Procedural Safeguards for Accused Persons" and Professor Taga

talked about "Globalization and its Effects Upon Present Day Japan." Students in criminal law heard about "Special Features of Japanese Criminal Law" from Professor Honma, and the graduate students learned about "International Human Rights Covenants and Japanese Law" from Professor Murakami and "Freedom of Expression in Japan" from Professor Narushima.

As part of the ongoing exchange program, Professors Robertson and Bell have been invited to give seminars at Niigata during the summer of 1992. □

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our new semi-annual Faculty of Law Newsletter. *Ambactus*, a latin word meaning "messenger," will provide news of people and events at the Faculty. I would like to thank the Friends of the Faculty for their generous support of this publication.

Dean Tim Christian is taking a well-deserved year of administrative leave before beginning his second term. Tim spent much of the Fall term at Niigata University in Japan.

Despite a series of annual cutbacks in our base operating budget, the Faculty continues to develop new programs and services for our students. We are particularly proud of our Indigenous Law Program, funded by the Alberta Law Foundation. All within our legal community are aware of the chronic under-representation of Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian justice system. We are attempting to ameliorate this situation by encouraging greater numbers of talented Aboriginal students to apply to study law. Our Indigenous Law Program Director, Larry Chartrand, has been aggressively recruiting

aboriginal students for our program. We are also developing a support system for Aboriginal students.

During this year we have created a Visiting Chair in Legal Education and the Legal Profession, funded by the Alberta Law Foundation. Professor Brent Cotter is our first Chair holder and is working in a number of areas related to professional responsibility.

These are two examples of the innovative new programs to which the Faculty is committed. We always welcome comments and suggestions from friends and alumni as to the nature of our law program and the kinds of services we should be providing to our students and the community.

The Faculty appreciates the necessity to respond to the ever changing nature of the law and our legal system. Our curriculum reflects a desire to provide the student with an intellectually challenging, yet practical, legal education. Learning objectives are designed to develop analytical, legal writing, advocacy and negotiating skills. However, the Law School recognizes that all of our graduates will neither be able, nor will want, to engage in the traditional practice of law. We are preparing our students for the market realities of the profession in the 1990's.

I want to invite all of you to our 20th Anniversary Celebration, September 18-20, 1992. This weekend, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Faculty, will celebrate a number of significant milestones in the Law School's history: the "new" Law Centre is 20 years old; the Graduate Studies Program is 25 years old and the Institute of Law Research and Reform is celebrating its 25th



Acting Dean A. Anne McLellan

anniversary. A visit by The Chief Justice of Canada, The Right Honourable Antonio Lamer and a gala banquet on Friday, September 18th, at which we will honour "Builders" of our Law School will highlight the weekend. Workshops, panels and an open house for the public, are all planned. Professor Lewis Klar, Charalee Graydon and Doris Wilson are co-Chairs of the Celebration and anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact one of them. Please mark this date on your calendars. It will be an exciting time and an opportunity for you to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and get a first hand look at what is "new" at the Law School.

This is a challenging and exciting year for me. I thank my colleagues, students and members of the profession and Bench who have been supportive of me. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 20th Anniversary Celebration weekend.

A. Anne McLellan, Acting Dean.

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Twentieth Anniversary Celebratory Week-end



Law Centre

The Faculty of Law and the Friends of the Faculty will be hosting a special Anniversary Weekend to honour the 20th anniversary of the Law Centre, the 25th anniversary of the Graduate Program, and all our alumni and friends who have played an important role in the life of the Faculty since its founding some 70 years ago.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Mr. Justice Antonio Lamer, will be visiting here on Friday, September 18. He will be speaking to the student body in the afternoon, and will be our special guest at a formal dinner on Friday evening. We anticipate that other Justices of the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as other Courts, will also be in attendance. We intend to honour several "builders" of our Faculty who have helped make the University of Alberta one of Canada's finest law schools.

We will be holding various seminars and sessions dealing with matters of interest for the general public, the Bar, and the academic community. As well, we will be hosting class reunions, and get togethers of old friends who studied and worked together while at University of Alberta. In short, we intend this weekend to be a major alumni and friends event, one which we believe is long overdue.

Planning for the weekend is being undertaken jointly by the Faculty and the Friends of the Faculty. Doris Wilson, Charalee Graydon and Professor Lewis Klar have assumed responsibility for the overall planning. A steering committee consisting of Professors Pollock, Percy, Mis, Acorn, Bauman, and Elman has been struck to deal with the planning from the Faculty side, and a group of able and willing workers has been put together by Doris and Charalee to represent the Bar. □

Justices Stevenson and Picard to Receive Honorary Degrees

William A. Stevenson, class of '57, and Ellen I. Picard, class of '67, will be honoured by the University of Alberta at its Spring Convocation.

Justice Stevenson was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1990. Previously he had served for ten years on the Alberta Court of Appeal of Alberta. Justice Stevenson has been actively involved in legal education. He was a Professor in the Faculty of Law from 1968-70, head of the Bar Admission Course from 1970-72, a member of the Board of the Law Reform Institute from 1969-79 and a Sessional Instructor in the Faculty of Law until his appointment to the Supreme Court. Justice Stevenson has been a leader in the field of judicial education. He is co-editor of *An Annotation to the Alberta Rules of Court*.

Justice Picard was a member of the Faculty of Law from 1972-87 when she was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench. She served the Faculty as Associate Dean from 1980-81 and was the driving force behind the establishment of the Health Law Institute. In 1987 she was appointed an Honorary Professor of Law and in 1988 an Honorary Professor of Medicine. In 1990, Justice Picard was appointed Vice-President of the Law Reform Commission of Canada. She is the author of the widely acclaimed book entitled *The Legal Liabilities of Doctors and Hospitals in Canada*. □

Profile: The Class of 1994

Mena L. Taylor (2L)

The class of 1944 graduated a mere ten students, with not a female among them. Thirty years later, in 1974, only 16 of the graduates from a class of 152 were female. Now in 1992, the University of Alberta is graduating classes of about 180 students each year, females making up at least 40% and mature and aboriginal students making up 10% of the class.

This article introduces you to your "learned friends" of the nineties — who they are, and what it took for them to make the grade.

Class Sizes and Averages

As the number of applications into law school has increased over the past few years, the class average has also risen. The third year class (Class of 1992) was formed out of a pool of 1193 applications; the average Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) was 7.5 and the average LSAT score was in the 66 percentile.

The second year class (Class of 1993) was formed out a pool of 1320 applications; its average G.P.A. was 7.5 with an LSAT percentile of 80.

The first year class (Class of 1994) had the highest admission standards, with a G.P.A. of 7.7 and an LSAT score in the 83 percentile. The Admissions Office received 1494 applications this year.

Male/Female Ratio

The male/female ratio has remained relatively constant in the past decade, with roughly four out of ten students being female. This corresponds to the ratio of male to female applications received by the faculty. There are of the Class of 1992, 40% are female,

42% of second year class is female, and 42% of the Class of 1994 are female.

Resident/Non-resident Ratio

A resident is "one who normally has resided in Alberta, the Northwest Territories, or the Yukon" for one year prior to admission (U of A Calendar, s. 102.2). The second year class has one of the highest percentages of non-residents in recent years, with non-residents making up 31% of that class. 12% of the third year class is non-resident, and 20% of the first year class is non-resident.

Mature and Aboriginal Applicants

Ten percent of the seats available in first year are reserved for mature and aboriginal applicants. Nevertheless, all applicants are initially classed and evaluated together. Thus, a student who could be validly classified as a mature student may already have been admitted in the regular applicant category, and not as a mature student.

The mature student is described as "an applicant who is 30 years of age or older, and who has been away for some time from a programme of full-time study at a post-secondary institution. A lesser standard of academic achievement than the regular applicant will be accepted as satisfactory provided it is balanced by a record of work and/or personal achievement" (Law Admissions *Blue Sheet*).

The Class of 1992 has 15 mature students (9 male, 6 female) and 1 aboriginal student (female). The Class of 1993 has 12 mature students (7 males, 5 females) and 3 aboriginal students (1 male, 2 females). The Class of 1994 has 10 mature students



Professor David Percy, Chair of the Admissions Committee, with Kim Wilson and Gloria Strohschein, Admissions Secretaries.

(3 males, 7 females) and 8 aboriginal students (8 males).

2-Year Undergraduate Applicants

An applicant with only two years of study may be considered for admission if he or she has an average of at least 7.5 and an LSAT score in the 62 percentile.

Apart from students in the mature or aboriginal category, there were 12 males and 8 females admitted after two years of study in the third year class. In the second year class, 4 males and 4 females were admitted in this way, and in the first year class, the number of students admitted after two years shrank to 3 females. □

Law School Increases Commitment to Teaching of Ethics

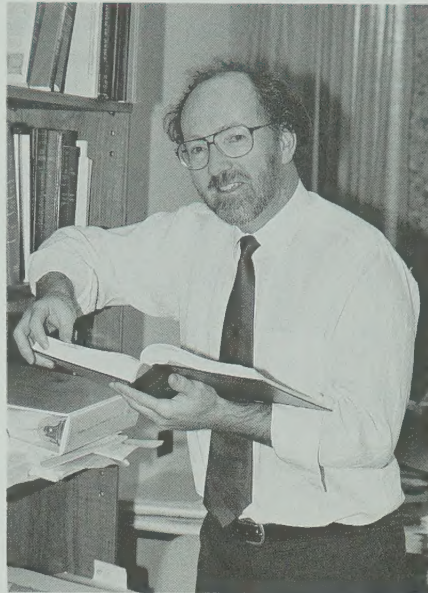
Greg Heaton (1L)

As little as 15 years ago, the phrase "legal ethics" would seldom be heard at a university, unless a first-year English student was asked to provide an example of an oxymoron. In the interim, lawyers and legal academics have come to realize that knowing right from wrong in a profession fraught with ethical pitfalls is far from a matter of common sense.

In keeping with that new mood the University is pleased to welcome Brent Cotter, Canada's leading scholar in the field of professional responsibility and legal ethics, as its first Visiting Professor on the Legal Profession and Legal Education. Professor Cotter teaches two sections of professional responsibility and a seminar in legal education at the Faculty in addition to a number of special teaching assignments here and at the University of Calgary.

"It's a light teaching load," he says. "It allows me to pursue a number of research projects and special initiatives." These projects include supervising the development of a professional responsibility casebook, writing academic articles on such subjects as conflict of interest and law school admissions, initiating an empirical study of the career paths of law school graduates, serving on the Law Society of Alberta committee drafting a new code of conduct and helping to plan next year's National Conference on the Legal Profession.

The overriding goal of the Visiting Professorship is to provide Professor Cotter with an opportunity to explore the field of Professional Responsibility. To find ways to bring the results of that exploration to the classrooms, the courtrooms and the



Professor W. Brent Cotter,
Visiting Professor on the Legal
Profession and Legal Education

boardrooms of Alberta is Professor Cotter's goal. One of his aims is to convince the present and future generations of lawyers that ethics are not simply about being a decent chap.

"A lot of ethical behaviour is not intuitive," he says. "The subject matter has to move from a concern over things like courtesy and being a gentlemen to more substantial issues like conflict of interest."

The adversarial system is another seldom examined area, but one which places lawyers in situations where pedestrian notions of right and wrong have little place. "Academic study unmask a lot of unstated assumptions and that make people uncomfortable," he says. "I don't mind that in the least. Too much comfort is not a good thing. Fortunately, there's lots of room for discomfort in legal ethics." □

Perspectives Day held for 1st Year Students

A Perspectives and Professional Responsibility Day, coordinated by Professor Catherine Bell, was held for the first year students in early January.

The program was divided into three main portions. In the morning a session on Law and Professional Responsibility was held. Students viewed two video presentations which raised issues of professional responsibility and were divided into five groups to discuss the issues in further detail. Professors Anne McLellan, Bruce Elman, Patti James, Brent Cotter and David Schneiderman led the small group discussions.

The session on Law and Professional Responsibility was followed by a session on Issues of Race in the Criminal Justice system. Members of the Cawsey Task Force as well as a law student (former RCMP officer) participated in a panel discussion.

In the afternoon a session on Law and Legal Perspectives was held. Students were asked to read the case of *Baby M* and this case was discussed from various perspectives. Professors Len Pollock, Gerry Robertson and Annalise Acorn gave students their perspectives on the case. Professor Acorn led the students in a very informative and thoughtful discussion.

Students were very supportive of the objectives of the program and plans are already underway for 1993. □

Bernard Dickens — Inaugural Picard Lecturer



Professor Gerald Robertson, Chair of the Health Law Institute is shown at the inaugural Picard Lecture in Health Law with Justice Ellen Picard and Professor Bernard Dickens who delivered the lecture.

On November 21, 1991, the Health Law Institute held the first of what is to be an annual lecture series in health law in honour of Madam Justice Ellen Picard, who founded the Health Law Institute. Madam Justice Picard has had a profound impact on the health law field and a distinguished career. Her book, entitled *The Legal Liability of Doctors and Hospitals in Canada*, is one of the leading texts in the area and is used by both legal and healthcare professionals throughout Canada. Madam Justice Picard has recently been appointed Vice-President of the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

The inaugural *Picard Lecture in Health Law* was delivered by Bernard M. Dickens, Professor of Law and Medicine at the University of Toronto. Professor Dickens, a good friend of Madam Justice Picard, is a leading scholar in the area of health law. His lecture, entitled "Implications of Health Care Professionals' Legal Liability," was well attended by members of the legal and healthcare professions from across the province. Following the lecture a reception for

Ellen was held in the Faculty Lounge. □

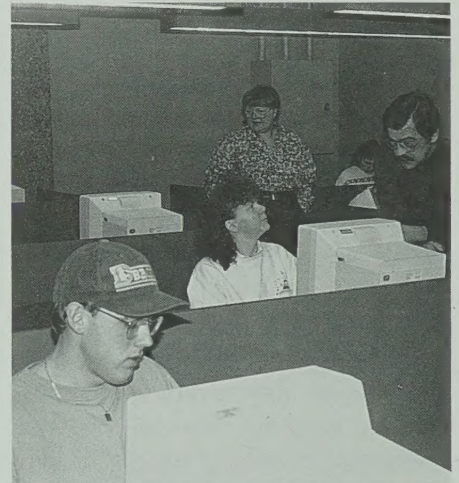
Public Lecture: Sexual Abuse of Patients

In response to widespread public interest regarding sexual abuse of patients by physicians, The Health Law Institute is sponsoring a public lecture entitled "Sexual Abuse of Patients: The Ontario Experience" on March 14, 1992 at 10:30 a.m in Room 231/237 of the Law Centre. Ms. Marilou McPhedran, Chairperson of the Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario will discuss the findings of the Task Force and the resultant recommendations.

Ms. McPhedran is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School and a member of the Order of Canada since 1985. Recently she assumed the newly created position of Corporate Director, Healthy City Toronto for the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

Law Foundation Funds Research on Computers & Law

Bob Franson and his team at ALITA (Alberta Legal Information Technology Assessment) have completed the first two years of their Alberta Law Foundation funded project. Amongst other things, they surveyed the legal research habits of lawyers, and expect to publish a report of the survey shortly. Two books on legal research were published under their auspices this fall — *Lawyer's Guide to the Online Galaxy* and *Searching Canadian Law Online*. Both are available from the Legal Education Society of Alberta.

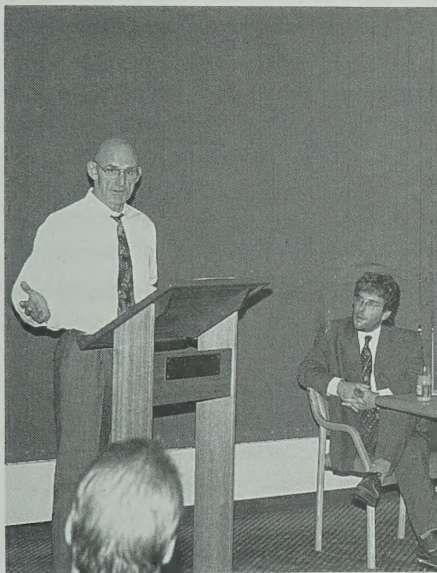


The Microcomputer laboratory, funded by the Alberta Law Foundation.

Two CD-ROMs were mounted on the local area network in the computer laboratory this fall. Both of these are indexes to legal periodical literature, and represent the latest technology in the area. Students and faculty are able to do research in the last ten years of this literature as if they were accessing an online database. This development was made possible through a special grant from the Alberta Law Foundation. □

Centre for Constitutional Studies Focuses on Interdisciplinary Work

The past ten months have been hectic ones for the Centre for Constitutional Studies. In May 1991, the Centre hosted an interdisciplinary national think-tank on constitutional reform in the aftermath of the Allaire and Bélanger-Campeau Reports from Québec. Joining with Anne McLellan and Bruce Elman of the Faculty of Law, and Allan Tupper of the Department of Political Science were political scientists such as Peter Russell, Roger Gibbins and Pierre Fournier, and legal scholars such as Katherine Swinton, Andréé Lajoie, and Joseph Magnet.



Chris Braiden of the Edmonton Police Department addresses the Police Powers Symposium as David Schneiderman of the Centre for Constitutional Studies looks on.

In October 1991, the Centre hosted an interdisciplinary conference, the culmination of a two-year research program, on the police power in democratic societies. Papers were presented by Jim Robb of the Faculty of Law and Rod McLeod of the

Department of History and eminent scholars such as Martin Friedland, Don Stuart, and Jean-Paul Brodeur.



Ethel Blondin addresses the symposium on Women and Constitutional Reform as Linda Trimble of the University of Alberta looks on.

Also in October, the Centre hosted a conference on women and constitutional reform. Over 150 registrants were treated to over twenty speakers from across the country, including Anne McLellan and Annalise Acorn from the Faculty of Law, Susan Jackel from Canadian Studies, Linda Trimble from Political Science, and alumnus Sheila Greckol as well as political scientists Jill Vickers and Diane Lamoureux, and legal scholars Mary Jane Mossman and Sheilah Martin.

Two Centre books were launched in 1991, both edited by the Centre's Executive Director, David Schneiderman: *Language and the State: The Law and Politics of Identity and Freedom of Expression and the Charter*. In addition, the Centre continued publishing its highly

popular newsletter, the *Forum*, with contributions from scholars and personalities across the country and internationally including Clyde Wells, Alan Cairns, and Lise Bissonnette as well as the Centre's journal, published annually in conjunction with the *Alberta Law Review*, *Constitutional Studies/Études constitutionnelles*.

In the fall of 1991, J. Peter Meekison, Belzberg Chair in Constitutional Studies, delivered his inaugural Belzberg lecture entitled "Canada's Constitutional Options." This article will be included in the Centre's forthcoming special issue of the *Alberta Law Review*.

The Centre for Constitutional Studies is an interdisciplinary project of the Faculty of Law together with representatives of the Departments of History and Political Science. The Centre has been up and running for almost four years now, and its accomplishments have been substantial indeed. □

McDonald Lecture on "Reconceiving Rights"

Professor Jennifer Nedelsky, Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto, will present the McDonald Lecture on March 19, 1992. It will be in Room 237 of the Law Centre.

The lecture is entitled "Reconceiving Rights". The McDonald Lecture is an annual event, sponsored by the Centre for Constitutional Studies through the generous support of Justice David C. McDonald. □

Indigenous Law Program Director Pleased with Aboriginal Enrollment

courtesy of Folio

An unprecedented 14 aboriginal students are currently enrolled in the Faculty of Law.

"We've definitely established a strong native presence in the Law School," says Aboriginal Law Students' Association President Troy Chalifoux, who points out that the aboriginal students all share a sense of impatience. "We want to see significant changes in our lifetimes."

Nine aboriginal students are now enrolled in first-year law, one is in second-year and four are in third-year. And according to the Faculty of Law Indigenous Law Program Director, Larry Chartrand, who was hired by the Faculty last year to boost enrollment, the program is partly responsible for the Faculty's success in attracting aboriginal students.

"Some of the students would not have enrolled here," he says about the program's impact on encouraging students to apply.

Chartrand, who has been travelling throughout the prairie provinces explaining the Faculty's program and encouraging aboriginal students to submit applications, is optimistic that the program will see even more applicants in the future. He plans to recruit in Ontario and British Columbia.

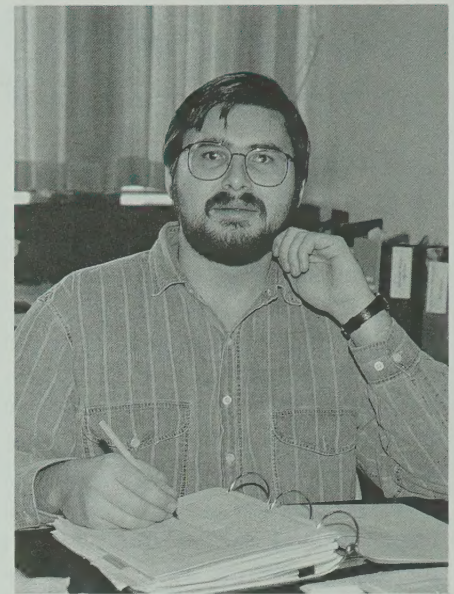
Once the aboriginal students are in the program, the challenge is to keep them there. Chartrand says the students' first mid-term exams are always a shock (as they are for most Law students), but they give students a better idea of what's expected of them.

Tutorials have been implemented, a support group called the Aboriginal Law Students' Association has been established and a \$5,000 annual award for a first-year aboriginal law student is awarded on the basis of academic merit. All of these enable aboriginal students to adapt to an environment that for many is quite foreign, says Chartrand.

It's also a cultural shock for aboriginal students to have to learn laws that they consider are not only foreign to their experience, but oppressive and racist as well, says Chartrand. However, Faculty members have been very supportive of the Indigenous Law Program and have acknowledged and respected the cultural differences in their teaching, Chartrand observes.

Chalifoux, a Métis who was born and raised in Edmonton and earned an undergraduate history degree from the U of A before enrolling in Law, says professors in the Faculty have to teach what the law is and not what it should be. "The way we're trained to think here is in a very linear way, yet many of us [aboriginal students] think more holistically."

Curriculum is changing says Chartrand. In Property Law, for example, there is now an entire chapter on aboriginal title. And in Constitutional Law, a section dealing with aboriginal issues is included. Two seminars — one on Special Topics in Native Law, the other on Aboriginal Peoples and the Law — are offered to second and third year students by Professor Catherine Bell. A panel on Aboriginals and the Criminal Justice System was held during Perspectives Day for 1st year students.



Larry Chartrand,
Director, Indigenous Law Program

Chartrand, who teaches a native studies course for the Yellowhead Tribal Council, also wants to develop a course within the Faculty which would deal with traditional aboriginal law. Chalifoux, too, acknowledges that changes are occurring within the curriculum and that bigger changes are just around the corner.

Self-government for aboriginal peoples will become a reality, he says, and governments are going to have to come to terms with that. Obviously, that has implications for law schools, as well.

"We all have selfish reasons for being here, though," says Chalifoux. "But we all share a common purpose — we want something better for our people. The priority right now is just to get through law school." For his part, Chalifoux wants to practise law in Edmonton and to represent aboriginal people. □

Meekison Serving as Constitutional Resource Person

courtesy of Folio



Dr. J. Peter Meekison, Belzberg Professor of Constitutional Studies, delivers his inaugural Belzberg Lecture.

As a result of the latest round of constitutional negotiations people are being compelled to ask themselves one very fundamental question: How important is Canada to me? Peter Meekison, a long-time observer and scholar on constitutional issues finds, "there's a growing sense that the country is very important to Canadians." Meekison, formerly Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Alberta, a political scientist, and outstanding Constitutional scholar was appointed Belzberg Professor of Constitutional Studies, effective July 1, 1992.

"There's a tremendous love of country and a pride in our accomplishments," says Dr. Meekison, who is participating in the federal government's conferences on constitutional renewal being held across the country. "There's a clear willingness to see what we can do to maintain our unity."

Dr. Meekison, served as the Deputy

Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Government of Alberta in the late 70s and early 80s and is now advising the government on constitutional matters.

"My sense is that we don't know the full extent of the agenda yet; some provincial committees haven't reported yet," says the Belzberg Professor of Constitutional Studies. But the agenda may get pruned to three primary issues: aboriginal questions; Senate reform; and issues of concern to Quebec.

"If you ask most people they'll acknowledge that Quebec is different," says Dr. Meekison. And when you examine the existing Constitution, there are provisions for recognizing and accommodating the distinctiveness of Quebec. The recognition of its civil code is but one example. "Where it gets difficult is when distinct is interpreted to mean special.

"What we're trying to find today is a late 20th century equivalent in order to

guarantee and protect the distinct culture. My sense is that people are looking for ways to recognize this distinctiveness." Asymmetrical federalism, Dr. Meekison continues, seems to have taken hold to some extent across the country. The issue of Senate reform is now seen as a major issue he adds.

Asked whether he has faith that a consensus will emerge, Dr. Meekison said yes. However, by accident and not by design, the country seems to have stumbled into a new process of constitutional reform. One lesson the country learned from the failed Meech Lake constitutional accord was that public consultation is important.

People are growing impatient, however. For some, the constitutional issues are not the primary issues the country should be tackling. "Some people feel that this [constitutional debate and process] is detracting from the real issues," he says, adding that some people believe the more important questions have to do with the economy.

Asked whether we are heading for a more decentralized federation, Dr. Meekison says, We've got a contradiction here. Some people don't want to see decentralization, but yet we know that Quebec is pushing in that direction. So does that mean asymmetry?

"When I looked at this about a year ago, I felt the only way to do it is to have a whole series of provisions in the Constitution that will allow for flexibility. That's what we're trying to develop: ways to make the Constitution flexible and adaptable to meet the challenge of the next century.

Dr. Meekison will be teaching an advanced constitutional law course entitled "Federal/Provincial Relations" during the 1992/93 academic year. □

Comings & Goings

Dean Christian on Leave

Timothy J. Christian has accepted a renewal of his appointment as Dean for five years. This year Dean Christian has been on administrative leave. He headed the Human Rights Inquiry into the Aryan Nations Cross Burning in Provo, Alberta. For three months during Fall Term, he was a Visiting Professor at the University of Niigata in Japan. He will be in Taiwan, Vietnam and Cambodia in Winter Term.

Anne McLellan Acting Dean

While Dean Christian is on administrative leave, *Anne McLellan* is Acting Dean. Professor McLellan has been with the Faculty for ten years. She has been active in the Centre for Constitutional Studies, and has represented the Faculty of Law locally and nationally on many issues.

New Associate Dean Appointed

Professor Bruce Elman was appointed Associate Dean for two years, beginning in July of 1991. Professor Elman came to the Faculty in 1975, and has chaired the Board of the Centre for Constitutional Studies since it was established in 1987.

Tenure Track Appointments

The Faculty of Law recently announced two tenure track appointments. Professors Annalise Acorn and Catherine Bell were appointed assistant professors of law commencing July 1, 1991.

Professor Acorn received her B.A. and LL.B. (class of '84) from the University of Alberta. In 1987 she received her B.C.L. from Oxford University. She is currently teaching Constitutional Law, Professional

Responsibility, Jurisprudence and Women and the Law.



Professor Annalise Acorn

Professor Bell received her B.A. from the University of Regina and her LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1989 she received her LL.M. from the University of British Columbia. She currently teaches Property Law, Native Law, and a seminar on Aboriginal Self-government.



Professor Catherine Bell

Indigenous Law Director

The Faculty of Law appointed *Mr. Larry Chartrand* as Director of its Indigenous Law Program. Mr. Chartrand has a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta and obtained his LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1990. He is currently a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and

is Justice Committee Chairperson of the Indigenous Bar Association.

Bowker Professor of Law

Professor Dale Gibson is the Bowker Professor of Law for the year 1991-1992. He has a B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Manitoba and an LL.M. from Harvard. Professor Gibson served as the first Belzberg Professor of Constitutional Studies and has been constitutional consultant to both the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada. His major fields of interest are Constitutional Law, Canadian Legal History and Torts.

Professors on Leave

During his sabbatical leave, *Professor John Law* is at the University of Victoria furthering his research in legal history. He is also teaching a course in Legal History.

Professor Bruce Ziff, who completed his term as Associate Dean June 30, 1991, is on leave at Wollongong University in Australia.

Faculty Exchanges

Three faculty members are involved in exchanges or secondments this year. *Professor Rod Wood* is with the Alberta Law Reform Institute working on Non-Consensual Liens.

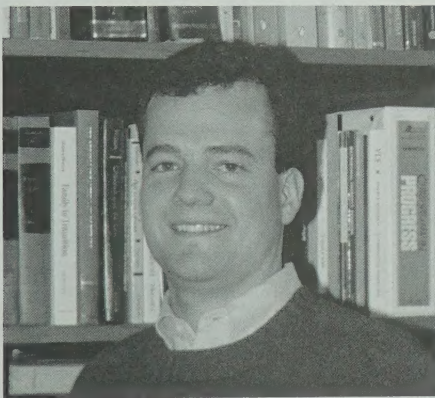
Professor Jim Robb is on exchange with the Department of the Attorney General's Constitutional and Energy Branch. This exchange is for one year, beginning July 1, 1991.

Professor Linda Reif just completed an eight month secondment with the province's Ombudsman's Office, where she acted as Legal Counsel. Professor Reif is the Faculty's representative to the International Ombudsman Institute, which is located in the Law Centre.

Visiting Professors

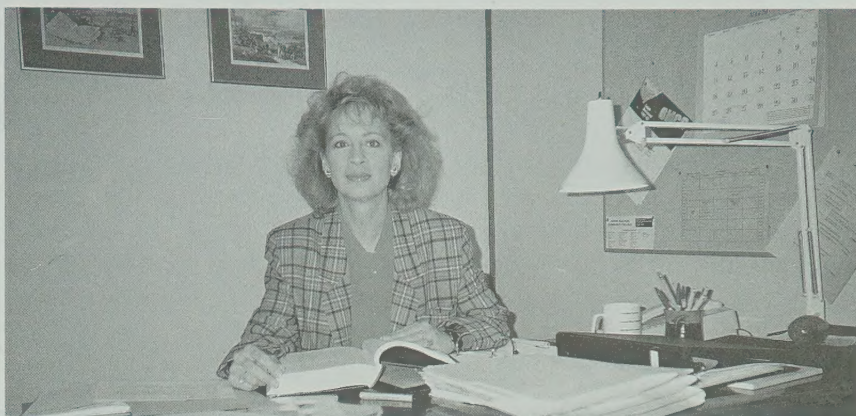
Professor Robert Franson has been re-appointed a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Alberta and Director of the Alberta Legal Information Technology Assessment Project (ALITA) for a further three year term. He holds a B.Eng. in Physics from Cornell University and a J.D. from U.C.L.A. Professor Franson has been a full time professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia specializing computers and the law. The ALITA Project is funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, and has the goal of encouraging the use of computers and communications technology within the legal profession.

Professor Lionel Smith has joined the Faculty as a visiting Professor for the 1991/92 academic year. Professor Smith received his LL.B. from the University of Western Ontario, and his LL.M. from Cambridge University in 1990. Prior to taking up his position at the University of Alberta, Professor Smith clerked for Justice Sopinka of the Supreme Court of Canada. He is teaching Contracts, Restitution, and Sale of Goods.



Professor Lionel Smith

Faculty Appoints New Assistant Dean (Student Services)



Judy Koch, Assistant Dean (Student Services)

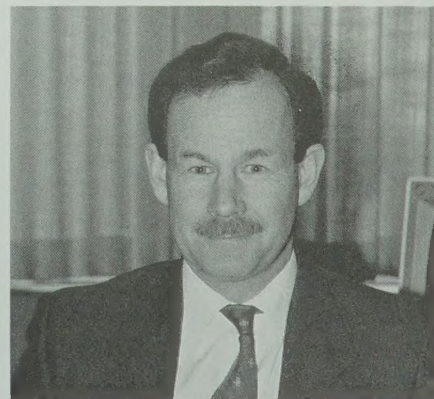
A recent addition to the Faculty of Law is Judy Koch, who will be occupying the position of Assistant Dean, Student Services, effective January 1, 1992.

Born and educated in Edmonton, Judy received her B.A. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Alberta in the mid-seventies. Following articling and admission to the Law Society of Alberta, Judy maintained a general practice of law with the small downtown Edmonton law firm of Robertson Brennand. Soon, though, academia called and Judy commenced employment with Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton.

Over the years that Judy was with Grant MacEwan she taught a variety of law courses in the Legal Assistant Program. She also worked in administration as Manager of Business Outreach (Continuing Education) and most recently was the Coordinator of Faculty Development.

Judy is looking forward to bringing her experience in legal practice, teaching, and education administration to the University of Alberta. As Assistant Dean, Student Services, she will be responsible for admissions, student recruitment, course counselling, placement and other aspects of student life. □

Professor Richard Taylor has joined the Faculty as a Visiting Lecturer under a secondment arrangement between the Faculty and the Attorney General's Department. He received his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario, his LL.B. from the University of Windsor, and is a member of the Law Societies of Ontario and Alberta. Mr. Taylor litigates constitutional issues on behalf of the Attorney General's Department. He is teaching Constitutional Law and Criminal Law. □



Professor Richard Taylor

Faculty Events

Christine Boyle on Bertha Wilson

Professor Christine Boyle, Walter Owen Visiting Professor at the Faculty

of Law, University of British Columbia spoke to the Faculty in January on "Madame Justice Wilson and the Legal Construction of Womanhood." □

First Woman Lawyer Subject of Weir Memorial Lecture

Clara Brett Martin, the first woman lawyer in the Commonwealth, was the subject of the 1992 Weir Memorial Lecture. *Professor Constance Backhouse* of the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law delivered the lecture entitled "Clara Brett Martin: Legal Heroine or Not?" The Lecture, in memory of John Alexander Weir, the first Dean of the Faculty of Law is funded by the Judges Fund.

Professor Backhouse recently published, under the auspices of the Osgoode Society, an historical work entitled "Petticoats and Prejudice: Women and Law in Nineteenth Century Canada." □

Rick Gossen — 1992 Eldon D. Foote Lecturer

Mr. Rick Gossen, Managing Director, Asterra International Property and Capital Ltd. of Hong Kong was the 1992 Eldon D. Foote Visiting Professor in International Law and Business. Mr. Gossen visited the Faculty of Law during January, 1992. Mr. Gossen delivered the 1992 Eldon D. Foote Public Lecture entitled "Promoter Beware: Legal and Business Aspects of Offering Canadian Property and Immigration-Linked Investments in Hong Kong."

Mr. Gossen has an LL.B. degree from McGill University and an LL.M. degree from Columbia University's Centre for Chinese Legal Studies. He has a strong publication record, with particular expertise in the law of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Gossen's expertise lies in the marketing of North American residential property in Hong Kong and Taiwan and the structuring of international property transactions. □

Joel Bakan on Rights

Professor Joel Bakan of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law lectured in February on "Fundamental Rights in Post-Industrial Society." □

A Series on the New Jurisprudence

Professor J.C. Smith from the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia visited the Faculty in February to present one lecture and three seminars. On February 19, he discussed "Law and Artificial Intelligence." "Law and Postmodernism" was the subject of his seminar on February 20. He also lectured on "Law and Feminism" and led a seminar on "Law and Psychoanalysis."

Professor Smith has published extensively in jurisprudence and also works in the field of expert systems. □

Upcoming Events

Harry Glasbeek on Law as Politics

Professor Harry Glasbeek, University of Toronto Faculty of Law will present a two part series on law as progressive politics and reactionary politics. On March 5, 1992 at 12:00 noon, he will speak in Room 231 of the Law Centre. His lecture is entitled "Law as a Site for Progressive Politics." He will lead a seminar on "The New Fordism: Labour and Labour Law" in the Faculty Lounge at 12:00 noon on March 6, 1992. □

Stephen Lewis Martland Lecturer

Stephen Lewis, former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver the 1992 Martland Lecture. Mr. Lewis, former leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, has been a long time activist for social justice. The lecture will be held on March 23, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

The Martland Lecture is sponsored by the Alberta Law Foundation, and is in honour of retired Supreme Court of Canada Justice Ronald Martland, class of '27 and Honorary Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Alberta. □

Women's Law Forum to Hold Symposium

Law, Society and Feminism: What Feminism Has to Say to Law is the title of the 6th annual symposium sponsored by the Women's Law Forum. Speakers are Judy Fudge, Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall, Susan Jackel, Professor of Canadian Studies at the University of Alberta and Ronnie Leah, Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology at the University of Lethbridge. The Symposium will be at the Law Centre, Room 237 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on March 6, 1992. □